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WASHINGTON - The General Accounting Office reported Tuesday that the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation had used alleged Nazi war criminals as "sources of information" and that the CIA had paid seven of them.

The accounting office, an investigative arm of Congress, also reported that the State Department had employed one alleged Nazi war criminal as a consultant and that the Department of Defense had also employed one.

The agency reported that it was unlikely there was any "widespread conspiracy" by federal departments or agencies to obstruct investigations into allegations that Nazi war criminals had entered the United States as refugees. But the agency said that it would not rule out the possibility of isolated instances of deliberate obstruction.

The accounting office spent 17 months investigating whether the Immigration and Naturalization Service or other federal agencies had obstructed active prosecution of alleged Nazi war criminals.

The investigation had been requested by Rep. Joshua Eilberg, D-Pa., who is chairman of a House judiciary subcommittee on immigration, citizenship and international law.

The accounting office reported that the CIA had used 21 alleged Nazi war criminals as "sources of information" and had paid seven of them.

"THE CIA SAID ITS CONTACTS WITH SOME OF THEM CAME AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF INTELLIGENCE ON SOVIET INTENTIONS AND ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE," ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

AN OFFICIAL OF THE CIA SAID TUESDAY THAT THIS OCCURRED IN THE EARLY 1950S AND THAT NONE OF THOSE INVOLVED WERE NOW BEING USED OR PAID FOR INFORMATION.

THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE'S REPORT ALSO SAID THAT THE FBI HAD ADMITTED HAVING A "CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH TWO ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS BUT HAD NOT PAID THEM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FBI SAID TUESDAY THAT THE AGENCY HAD NOT SEEN THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE'S REPORT AND WOULD HAVE NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT.

THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE ALSO REPORTED THAT A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN THE NAZI ERA WAS HIRED AS A CONSULTANT BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN THE EARLY 1950S BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOVIET UNION.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT RECORDS SHOW THAT THIS PERSON LEFT THE UNITED STATES IN 1953 AND THAT IT WAS SOME YEARS LATER THAT ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE THAT HE WAS A NAZI WAR CRIMINAL.

THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPORTED THAT ONE DEFENSE AGENCY, WHICH WAS NOT IDENTIFIED, PROVIDED EMPLOYMENT TO ONE INDIVIDUAL UNDER A PROGRAM TO AID POSTWAR MILITARY RESEARCH. IT WAS YEARS LATER, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THAT IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS INVESTIGATED ALLEGATIONS THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS A NAZI WAR CRIMINAL.

"BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS, THE INVESTIGATION WAS CLOSED," THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE SAID.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - THE NATION'S TOP INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVELY RECRUITED AND USED 22 PERSONS ACCUSED OF BEING NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT EASTERN EUROPE; THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE SAID TUESDAY.

HOWEVER; THE OFFICE SAID IT COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER ANY FEDERAL AGENCY HAD OBSTRUCTED INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS WHO HAD IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE OFFICE, WHILE SAYING IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THERE WAS ANY WIDESPREAD FEDERAL CONSPIRACY TO PROTECT SUCH PERSONS, SAID IT "CANNOT ABSOLUTELY RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF UNDETECTED, ISOLATED INSTANCES OF DELIBERATE OBSTRUCTION OF INVESTIGATIONS OF SOME ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS."

THE OFFICE SAID IT ASKED VARIOUS FEDERAL AGENCIES WHETHER THEY HAD ANY CONTACT WITH 111 PERSONS SELECTED FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES WHO HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ALLEGATIONS THAT THEY WERE NAZI WAR CRIMINALS.

IT NOTED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THESE PERSONS CAME FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES, INCLUDING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND REFERRALS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. AND IT SAID SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS CAME ONLY AFTER THE PERSONS HAD LEFT THE UNITED STATES OR HAD SEVERED THEIR TIES WITH U.S. INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING OUTFITS.

THE GAO ALSO SAID MANY ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PERSONS IN THE INS FILES WERE FLIMSY.

THE OFFICE SAID THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOLICITED INFORMATION FROM 20 PERSONS ACCUSED OF BEING NAZI WAR CRIMINALS AND PAID SEVEN OF THEM FOR THEIR INFORMATION DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN WORLD WAR II AND 1965.

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THE AGENCY ALSO HELPED ONE OF THE 20 ENTER THE COUNTRY AFTER THE WAR. THAT PERSON; A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY; WAS AN EXPERT ON THE SOVIET UNION AND WAS PAID BY THE CIA UNTIL HE LEFT THE COUNTRY IN 1953. THE GAO SAID THE EARLIEST RECORD OF AN ALLEGATION AGAINST HIM CAME AFTER HE LEFT THE UNITED STATES.

IT SAID SUMMARIES OF CIA FILES SHOWED THAT THE AGENCY WAS AWARE OF THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST AT LEAST SOME OF THE PERSONS. HOWEVER; THE GAO SAID THE CIA STATED THAT IT NEVER USED ANY PERSON AGAINST WHOM ALLEGATIONS OF WAR CRIMES WERE WELL GROUNDED.

THE OFFICE SAID IT FOUND THE FBI USED AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS TWO PERSONS ON THE 111-PERSON LIST OF ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS.

THE FBI TOLD THE OFFICE THAT IT HALTED CONTACTS WITH ONE OF THOSE TWO IN 1954. THE BUREAU SAID IT CONTINUED CONTACTS WITH THE SECOND INDIVIDUAL UNTIL 1972; EVEN THOUGH ANOTHER AGENCY HAD INFORMED IT IN 1954 OF WAR CRIME ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL.

THE GAO SAID THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ASSISTED IN THE ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES OF ONE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM WAR CRIME ALLEGATIONS WERE LEVIED BUT NEVER SUBSTANTIATED.

IN ADDITION; THE GAO REVIEWED 40 CASES IN WHICH THE INS RECEIVED WAR CRIME ALLEGATIONS BEFORE 1973. IT FOUND THAT 20 OF THE PERSONS NEVER WERE INVESTIGATED; THAT EIGHT INVESTIGATIONS WERE FOUND TO BE DEFICIENT; THAT ONE PROBE WAS CLOSED WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION; AND THAT THREE INVESTIGATIONS WERE CLOSED BECAUSE THE STATE DEPARTMENT KEPT THE INS FROM OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

THE REPORT WAS REQUESTED BY REP. JOSHUA EILBERG; D-PA.; CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION.

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